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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Arntzen *et al.*

Application No.: 09/129,298

Filed: August 5, 1998

For: THE USE OF MIXED DUPLEX OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
TO EFFECT LOCALIZED GENETIC CHANGES IN
PLANTS



Group Art Unit: 1649

Examiner: O. Zaghmout

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 1999, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments and Remarks be considered by the Examiner and entered into the file of the captioned application. This Amendment is accompanied by a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Keith Allen Walker, Ph. D. The Amendment is also accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time to Respond With Authorization To Pay Fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~5-7~~, 31-49 and 54-72, without prejudice.

In line 1 of each of claims 1, 16, 28 and 50, insert --causing a desired trait-- between the words "localized mutation" and the words "in a target gene".

REMARKS

Claims 5-7, 31-49 and 54-71 are canceled pursuant to the first restriction requirement, the oral response to which is confirmed without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.